

# Get Set for Growth in Michigan 4-H Programming!



“E” communications.....  
entrepreneurial thinking.....  
bio products.....are these  
some of the skill sets Michigan  
youth will have a chance to  
explore through new MSU  
Extension (MSUE) 4-H  
programming?



Thanks to a new source of  
funding just for MSUE 4-H  
program development, cutting-  
edge programs like these may  
soon be available to our youth,  
along with the latest materials  
for long-standing 4-H program  
areas such as animal science,  
agriculture, food and nutrition,  
outdoor/environmental  
education, citizenship and  
science and technology.

Starting with the 2006-2007  
4-H program year (September  
1, 2006 to August 31, 2007),  
4-H club members will  
contribute to the program's

success through a \$10 annual  
participation fee. These dollars  
will only be used to develop,  
purchase, implement and/or  
update 4-H programming.

Half of the money will stay  
at the local level, to support  
4-H programs right in your  
county. The other half will go  
to the state 4-H office, where  
4-H's program leaders and  
curriculum development team  
can use that funding to create  
new program materials that  
will benefit clubs and youth all  
over the state!

## What's your role in helping 4-H continue to meet the needs of Michigan's youth?

4-H needs your help to make  
this new program development  
process work. One of the  
easiest ways to collect the new  
\$10 participation fee is through  
the interaction that takes  
place in your club. There are  
several options for making that  
happen.

1. First, your county Extension  
4-H educator will let you  
know what portion of  
the \$10 fee your club is  
responsible for collecting.
2. Provide your 4-H club  
families with a fact sheet  
(available on line at the 4-H



Web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/> explaining the new participation fee. Direct

any questions you can't  
answer to your county  
Extension 4-H educator.

3. Using your knowledge of your club members, make a recommendation to your county Extension 4-H educator as to which members should have the fee waived due to financial circumstances. Some counties may use free or reduced lunch status as a criteria for determining eligibility for a fee waiver (please check with your county 4-H educator).

4. Assuming your club is responsible for collecting all or some portion of the fee, you can choose how to proceed:

- Collect \$10 from each participant (excluding those who have been recommended for or qualify for a fee waiver) at the time of enrollment or at a later date. If you have more than three



youth participants from the same family, their total family participation fee is capped at \$30.

- Plan a club fund-raising project to raise enough money to cover club member participation fees.
- Seek a sponsor to cover participation fees for your club.

5. Send the money to your county Extension office, along with enrollment forms (if you are collecting money at the time of enrollment) or with an enrollment fee report, if you are sending the money at a later date. You have until the deadline set by your county to submit participation fees for your club to your county office. Check the 4-H Web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/> for enrollment forms and reports.

6. Based on your knowledge of your club members' needs and interests, recommend program development ideas to your county Extension 4-H educator, that could make use of the new funds available in your county!

Questions? Suggestions? Direct them to your county Extension 4-H educator. This is a pilot year for the new 4-H participation fee, so get involved and help shape the program for the future!



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